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For:	TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING MELANOCYTE STIMULATING HORMONE RECEPTOR GENE DISRUPTIONS		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**



Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, under the heading "**Related Applications**", please delete the paragraph at lines 10-12 entirely, and insert the following new paragraph:

- This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/191,236, filed March 22, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/215,214, filed June 29, 2000; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/218,075, filed July 12, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/219,167, filed July 19, 2000. - -

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